

Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership
(BEDP)
Study Session
Friday, June 26, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 am
Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, 3rd Floor
Miller Creek Conference Room

Present: Matthew Wendland, Chair, Dan Mathews, Vice-Chair, Suzanne Greive, Jay Hasbrouck, Jr.,
Robbie Howell, Daniel Poiree, Andrea Reay, Paul Smith
Absent Excused: Judy Coovert, Carmen Goers, Andreas Gerling
Absent Unexcused: Dean Anderson, Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre, Lindsay White
Staff: Carol Allread, Barb Canfield, Nhan Nguyen, Lori Shannon
Guest: Nancy Tosta

Discussion - Code Compliance:

Barb Canfield, Code Compliance Officer, explains that Burien responds on a complaint basis and does not proactively seek out code violations. Cases typically begin by contacting the tenant, and if issues are not resolved, the case is then taken to the property owner. CleanScapes assists with graffiti cleanup, and the Public Works crew handles removal of large abandoned items. Commonly reported complaints include junk vehicles and neighbor disputes over garbage/debris, and vegetation.

Merrill Gardens Groundbreaking Ceremony:

A groundbreaking was held Thursday, June 25, to celebrate the addition of Merrill Gardens to the City of Burien. Mayor Krakowiak, councilmembers and former councilmembers were in attendance, along with developers/partners, key staff, residents, and members of the business community. The highly anticipated project will take 16-18 months to complete and will boost the local economy.

Transportation Recommendation Discussion:

Partnership members agree that Matt Wendland, Chair, will write a memo to Council requesting that City boards, commissions, and staff be utilized to inform decision making around transportation and parking issues.

Discover Burien Report:

Andrea Reay, Discover Burien Executive Director, reports an increase in walk-ins requesting resources to cover critical needs. Barb Canfield provides referral information that Code Compliance staff uses in the field.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.